

'Many thanks for the interesting snake. I identify it provisionally as *Psammophis condanarus*, which is more variable in colour than is usually supposed.'—Eds.]

XXI.—SEXUAL DIMORPHISM IN THE SEASNAKE
[*DISTIRA CYANOCINCTA* (DAUD.)].

On the 3rd May this year, Mr. J. B. Greaves, sent the Society a pair of live *Distira cyanocincta* which he had found in copulation at Mervi-malad, near Bombay. While examining the specimens I noticed that they exhibited certain differences which may be recorded as possible sexual characters.

(a) The colour banding of the body in the male was markedly stronger, and the rings were more complete than in the female.

(b) The low jaw in the male was very distinctly coloured burnt sienna fading out a little beyond the base of the head. The colouration was not present in the female.

(c) In the female the head was much more elongate than in the male.

(d) The tail in the male was markedly thicker than in the female.

(e) In the male the scales of the body and particularly those on the head, were strongly keeled, much more so than in the female. The scales of the female were much smoother and more shiny, particularly the head scales.

Later, on consulting Col. Wall's *A Popular Treatise on the Common Indian Snakes* (J.B.N.H.S., xxvi, p. 436) I have found the following remark :—'The very distinctive keels and their serrations are much more conspicuous in males where they are sometimes most pronounced and even spinous on the belly. In females and young though somewhat obscure they are usually discernible if looked for.'

With regard to the time of the year when this species breeds in India, Col. Wall has no information owing to the specimens he examined having no date. However, for Siam he records a gravid female, from the Chantabum river, as having been captured in March (1916). This specimen contained embryos 10--10½ inches long. In the present instance the female measured 3 ft. 9 in. long and contained approximately 30 eggs of various sizes, the largest of which measured $1 \times \frac{1}{4}$ in.

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XXII.—BREEDING SEASON OF THE JEW'S NOSED
SEASNAKE [*ENHYDRINA VALAKADYEN* (BOIE)]
IN BOMBAY WATERS.

On the 15th March this year (1937) a large female of the Jew's Nosed Seasnake (*Enhydrina valakadyen*) was caught in the fishermen's net at Mora, Uran Island. On dissection the specimen was